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SUMMARY: POLAD AS CHAIRMAN FOR MAY DELIVIERED TEXT OF REPLY CONTAINED REF A TO SOVIET MINISTER KHOTULEV ON MAY 5.

KHOTULEV COMMENTED THAT TEXT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THE SOVIET SIDE BUT HE COULD ALREADY DETECT THAT IT DID NOT CONTAIN ANY NEW ALLIED ARGUMENTATION.

KHOTULEV RESERVED RIGHT TO RETURN TO TOPIC SUBSEQUENTLY, AND IN FACT PROMISED TO DO SO. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. (CHAIRMAN) POLAD CALLED ON SOVIET MINSITER KHOTULEV AT SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN ON MAY 5 TO DELIVER TEXT CONTAINED REF A AS REPLY TO SOVIET DEMARCHES DELIVERED IN BERLIN OF NOVEMBER WON 1977 AND JANUARY 11 AND 18, 1978. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. KHOTULEV, AFTER HEARING THE PRESENTATION, INDICATED THAT HE WOULD OF COURSE PASS ON THE REPLY TO AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV BUT THAT UNFORTUNATELY (AT FIRST GALNCE) HE COULD FIND NO NEW ARGUMENTATION IN THE ALLIED STATEMENT. STATEMENT WAS REPETITIVE OF OLD ARGUMENTS WHICH ALLIES HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVAINCED AND WHICH SOVIETS HAD

FOUND UNSATISFACTORY. KHOTULEV ADDED THE USUAL RITUALISTIC CALL FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH AND FULL OBSERVANCE OF QUADRIPARTIE AGREEMENT AND STRESSED CONTINUING SOVIET DISSATISFACTION WITH WHAT HE TERMED THE "INCREASED" NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATIVE ACTIVITIES BY VARIOUS FRG ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WESTER SECTORS. HE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO A FULLER REPLY LATER, AND SAID "I PROMISE THAT I WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY." HE DID REGISTER "SATISFACTION" WITH CLOSING SENTENCE OF PARA 9, I.E. THAT ALLIES WOULD CONTINUE TO FULFILL THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE QA.

- 3. SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV, ALSO PRESENT, ASKED RHTETORICALLY WHICH SOVIET PROTESTS IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS THE ALLIES DID CONSIDER VALID, SINCE ALL SUCH PROTESTS HAD RECEIVED A NEGATIVE REPLY. HE IMPLIED THAT THIS REPLY WAS AN ANSWER TO ALL THEIR PROTESTS OF RECENT MONTHS.
- 4. POLAD NOTED THAT REPLY WAS LONG BECAUSE IT WAS STRUCTURED TO DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH NUMBER OF VARIED POINTS WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE SOVIET SIDE IN THE THREE DEMARCHES CITED PARA 1. POLAD ALSO STATED THAT HIS STATEMENT DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONSTITUTE AN ANSWER TO ALL RECENT SOVIET DEMARCHES, INCLUDING THAT OF MARCH 6 TO FRENCH POLAD. LATTER DEMARCHE COVERED THE FIVE SPECIFIC CASES (REF B) IN WHICH THE ALLIES HAD APPROVED EXTENSION OF FRG LEGISLATION TO THE WESTER SECTORS. ANSWER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS DEMARCHE WAS STILL UNDER STUDY, BUT WOULD BE FORTH-COMING IN DUE COURSE.

5. COMMENT: SOVIET RESPONSE WAS OF COURSE NEGATIVE, BUT THEY CHOSE TO MAKE IT GENERAL AND BRIEF, GEORGE

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